



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to October's newsletter and the end of the first term. I hope everyone had a lovely October break. It has been a very busy and quick start to the school session and I'm sure before we know it we will be immersed in preparations for Christmas! However, we aren't quite there yet with lots of activities to keep us busy and learning until then.

Kind regards,
Mrs McGill

Staff Update

We are looking forward to welcoming a number of student teachers to Scotstoun Primary in the coming weeks. This month Ms Keenan will be joining P2b and Ms Boyd P3/2 until the end of November. Ms McGrow and Ms Devlin will be in P4a and P4b one day a week until next April. Supporting Initial Teacher Education is an important part of school life as school placements are a key part of the training of the teachers of tomorrow. The student teachers receive an induction to life in Scotstoun and work closely with the class teacher and are mentored by the senior leadership team.



Values

We have completed the exercise we began last session around our new vision and values. I hope you saw the posters round the school if you were here for parents' evening before the holiday. We have shared them with the children and will continue to highlight them through out the session.

Each term we will have a celebration assembly where we will focus on how we are upholding school values. All staff will have a star to give to children in their class who they think have shown the focussed values for that term. The child's name will go on the star, to be collected and displayed in the main hall. Winning children will then get to take part in a treat. This focus will be changing each six weeks – the focus at the moment is respect. In addition,

two children from each class will bring the work which focussed on their proud cloud in the classroom to share their achievements.

Community Champions

We are delighted to be shortlisted for this year's Glasgow Times Community Champion Awards 2023 in the category of School of the Year for our Café Culture project. We are in the North West heats and, if we are successful, we could progress to the finals in December. Café Culture is where families from different culture and countries come and share their recipes and cook food. They have recently published a cook book. Our P7 language ambassadors helped with the drafting and editing of the book and collaborated on a short

film with the BBC to highlight the benefits of attending the Café. It is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of this. You can vote up until Tuesday 31st October on <https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/community-champion-awards/north-west/>

Victoria Park Community Work

We have been working closely with the Friends of Victoria Park to build community links in line with our approaches. We have taken part in the following so far:

- P5s participate in a fun run round the park.
- P3/2, along with children from Whiteinch and St Paul's Primaries, plant over 2000 bluebell bulbs in the park.

Flu Immunisation

Thank you for the prompt return of immunisation consents. They have been collected by the NHS and a reminder that our day for immunisation is 9th November. Any questions, please contact the school office.

Health and Safety

We would ask that you keep us up to date with any medical conditions your child may have. In addition, if your child has to take medicine for a short period of time, please come into the School Office to complete a form which allows us to administer that.

Families are reminded of the importance of checking your child's hair regularly for head lice. School nurses no longer do this and it is not authority policy to send out letters when a child is reported to have head lice. The advice remains the same, immediate treatment by lotion recommended by a pharmacist, then automatic repeat treatment 7 days later. Please be vigilant.

Ready Steady Sing

We had a great afternoon of creativity and fun with the CREATE team before the October holiday. The children engaged in fun, energetic and inclusive music making experiences. CREATE came to deliver singing session with P1-P3 and P4-P7 where the children learned new songs and explored beat, rhythm and movement in a positive and supportive environment. It was a lovely way to end the term!

Dates for your Diary

30.10.23	Knightswood Fire Department visiting P6s and P7s re Bonfire Safety
31.10.23	Halloween – Come as You Please
1.11.23	Proposed Industrial Action – school closed to children
2.11.23	Outdoor classroom day
6.11.23	New P1 entrant's registration week Pupil council to Schools' Forum
7.11.23	Parent Council AGM
9.11.23	Flu vaccinations – all day New P1 entrants open afternoon 1.30pm
13.11.23	Anti Bullying Week
14.11.23	PTA Family Quiz Night 6.30pm to 7.45pm New P1 entrant's open evening 6pm
15.11.23 16.11.23 23.11.23	Mr Peek, Poetry Workshops all day P4-7
17.11.23	P5 classes to the Science Centre